(b) Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 2, 8 and 14-21 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

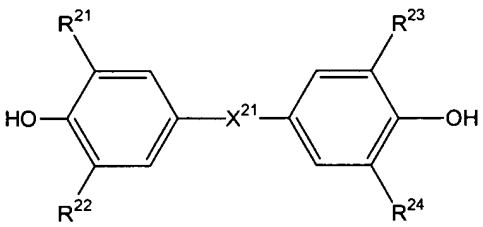
Kindly amend claims 1, 3, 9, 22 and 23 and add new claims 24-27 as follows. A detailed listing of all the claims that are or were in the application follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrophotographic photosensitive member comprising a support and provided thereon a photosensitive layer, wherein;

said electrophotographic photosensitive member has a surface layer containing:

at least one of a charge-transporting material and conductive particles; and

a polymer obtained by polymerizing ~~at least one selected from the group consisting of a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol monomer having 2 or 3 benzene rings and 2 to 4 hydroxymethyl groups; a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol oligomer having a structure in which a bisphenol monomer having 2 or 3 benzene rings has been condensed, and having 2 to 4 hydroxymethyl groups; a polyhydroxymethyltrisphenol monomer having 3 or 4 benzene rings and 2 to 6 hydroxymethyl groups; and a polyhydroxymethyltrisphenol oligomer having a structure in which a trisphenol monomer having 3 or 4 benzene rings has been condensed, and having 2 to 6 hydroxymethyl groups~~



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wherein X^{21} represents a single bond, a carbonyl group, an ether group, a thioether group or a $-CR^{01}R^{02}-$group, where R^{01} and R^{02} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or represent a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylidene group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms which is formed by combination of R^{01} with R^{02}, provided that a case in which both the R^{01} and R^{02} are substituted or unsubstituted phenyl groups is excluded; and R^{21} to R^{24} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

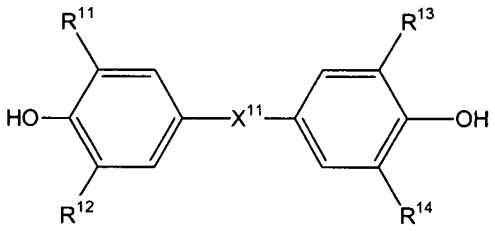
2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) An electrophotographic photosensitive member comprising a support and provided thereon a photosensitive layer, wherein;

said electrophotographic photosensitive member has a surface layer containing:

at least one of a charge-transporting material and conductive particles; and

a polymer obtained by polymerizing a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol monomer having a structure represented by the following Formula (1):



(1)

wherein X^{11} represents a single bond, a carbonyl group, an ether group, a thioether group or a $-CR^{01}R^{02}-$group, where R^{01} and R^{02} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or represent a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylidene group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms which is formed by combination of R^{01} with R^{02}, provided that a case in which both the R^{01} and R^{02} are substituted or unsubstituted phenyl groups is excluded; and R^{11} to R^{14} each independently represent a hydroxymethyl group, a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms other than the hydroxymethyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, provided that at least two of the R^{11} to R^{14} are each a hydroxymethyl group.

4. (Original) The electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 3, wherein the X^{11} in Formula (1) is a divalent group having 3 or more carbon atoms.

5. (Original) The electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 4, wherein the X^{11} in Formula (1) is a divalent group having 5 or more carbon atoms and having a cyclic structure.

6. (Original) The electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 3, wherein the X^{11} in Formula (1) is a divalent group having a benzene ring.

7. (Original) The electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 3, wherein the X^{11} in Formula (1) is an ether group, a thioether group or a di(trifluoromethyl)methylene group.

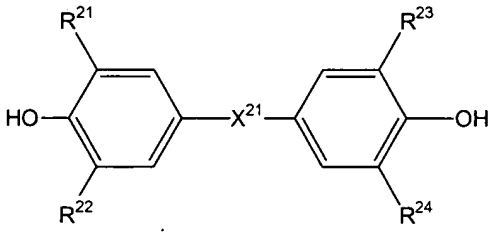
8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) An electrophotographic photosensitive member comprising a support and provided thereon a photosensitive layer, wherein;

said electrophotographic photosensitive member has a surface layer containing:

at least one of a charge-transporting material and conductive particles; and

a polymer obtained by polymerizing a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol oligomer having a structure in which a bisphenol monomer having a structure represented by the following Formula (2) has been condensed through a methylene group:



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wherein X^{21} represents a single bond, a carbonyl group, an ether group, a thioether group or a $-CR^{01}R^{02}-$group, where R^{01} and R^{02} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or represent a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylidene group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms which is formed by combination of R^{01} with R^{02}, provided that a case in which both the R^{01} and R^{02} are substituted or unsubstituted phenyl groups is excluded; and R^{21} to R^{24} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

10. (Original) The electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 9, wherein the X^{21} in Formula (2) is a divalent group having 3 or more carbon atoms.

11. (Original) The electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 10, wherein the X^{21} in Formula (2) is a divalent group having 5 or more carbon atoms and having a cyclic structure.

12. (Original) The electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 9, wherein the X^{21} in Formula (2) is a divalent group having a benzene ring.

13. (Original) The electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 9, wherein the X^{21} in Formula (2) is an ether group, a thioether group or a di(trifluoromethyl) methylene group.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

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19. (Cancelled)

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21. (Cancelled)

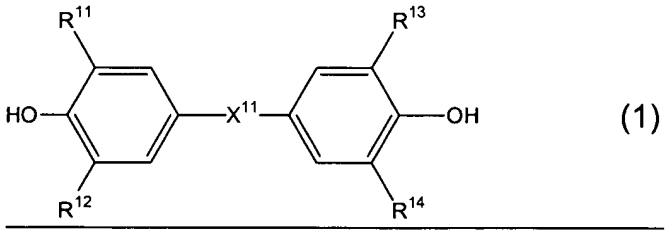
22. (Currently Amended) A process cartridge comprising an electrophotographic photosensitive member and at least one means selected from the group consisting of a charging means, a developing means, a transfer means and a cleaning means which are integrally supported, and being detachably mountable to the main body of an electrophotographic apparatus; the electrophotographic photosensitive member comprising a support and provided thereon a photosensitive layer, wherein;

said electrophotographic photosensitive member has a surface layer containing:

at least one of a charge-transporting material and conductive particles; and

a polymer obtained by polymerizing ~~selected from the group consisting of a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol monomer having 2 or 3 benzene rings and 2 to 4 hydroxymethyl groups; a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol oligomer having a structure in which a bisphenol monomer having 2 or 3 benzene rings has been condensed, and having 2 to 4 hydroxymethyl groups; a polyhydroxymethyltrisphenol monomer having 3 or 4 benzene rings and 2 to 6 hydroxymethyl groups; and a polyhydroxymethyltrisphenol oligomer having a structure in which a trisphenol monomer having 3 or 4 benzene rings has been condensed, and having 2 to 6 hydroxymethyl groups~~

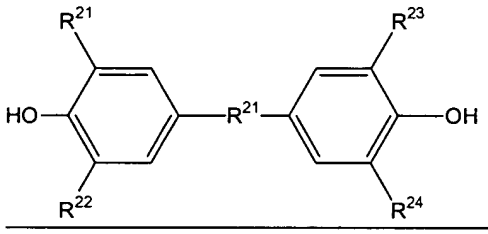
(i) a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol monomer having a structure represented by the following Formula (1):



(1)

wherein X^{11} represents a single bond, a carbonyl group, an ether group, a thioether group or a $-CR^{01}R^{02}-$group, where R^{01} and R^{02} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or represent a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylidene group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms which is formed by combination of R^{01} with R^{02}, provided that a case in which both the R^{01} and R^{02} are substituted or unsubstituted phenyl groups is excluded; and R^{11} to R^{14} each independently represent a hydroxymethyl group, a

hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms other than the hydroxymethyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, provided that at least two of the R^{11} to R^{14} are each a hydroxymethyl group or (ii)a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol oligomer having a structure in which a bisphenol monomer having a structure represented by the following Formula (2) has been condensed through a methylene group:



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wherein X^{21} represents a single bond, a carbonyl group, an ether group, a thioether group or a $-CR^{01}R^{02}-$group, where R^{01} and R^{02} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or represent a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylidene group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms which is formed by combination of R^{01} with R^{02}, provided that a case in which both the R^{01} and R^{02} are substituted or unsubstituted phenyl groups is excluded; and R^{21} to R^{24} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

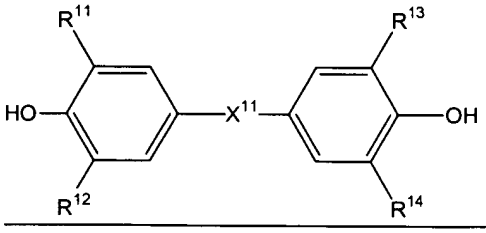
23. (Currently Amended) An electrophotographic apparatus comprising an electrophotographic photosensitive member, a charging means, an exposure means, a developing means and a transfer means; the electrophotographic photosensitive member comprising a support and provided thereon a photosensitive layer, wherein;

said electrophotographic photosensitive member has a surface layer containing:

at least one of a charge-transporting material and conductive particles; and

a polymer obtained by polymerizing ~~at least one selected from the group consisting of a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol monomer having 2 or 3 benzene rings and 2 to 4 hydroxymethyl groups; a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol oligomer having a structure in which a bisphenol monomer having 2 or 3 benzene rings has been condensed, and having 2 to 4 hydroxymethyl groups; a polyhydroxymethyltrisphenol monomer having 3 or 4 benzene rings and 2 to 6 hydroxymethyl groups; and a polyhydroxymethyltrisphenol oligomer having a structure in which a trisphenol monomer having 3 or 4 benzene rings has been condensed, and having 2 to 6 hydroxymethyl groups~~

(i) a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol monomer having a structure represented by the following Formula (1):



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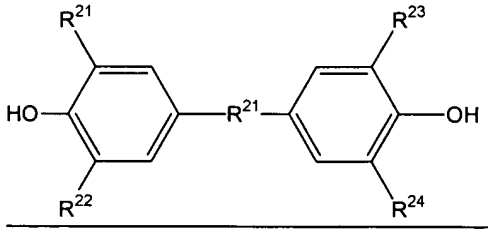
wherein X^{11} represents a single bond, a carbonyl group, an ether group, a thioether group or a $-CR^{01}R^{02}-$group, where R^{01} and R^{02} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or represent a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylidene group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms which is formed by combination of R^{01} with R^{02}, provided that a case in which both the R^{01} and R^{02} are substituted or unsubstituted phenyl groups is excluded; and R^{11} to R^{14} each independently represent a hydroxymethyl group, a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms other than the hydroxymethyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, provided that at least two of the R^{11} to R^{14} are each a hydroxymethyl group or

(ii) a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol oligomer having a structure in which a bisphenol monomer having a structure represented by the following Formula (2) has been condensed through a methylene group:



(2)

wherein X^{21} represents a single bond, a carbonyl group, an ether group, a thioether group or a $-CR^{01}R^{02}-$group, where R^{01} and R^{02} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a

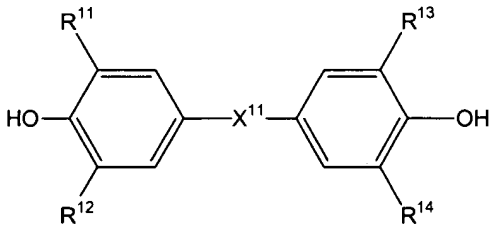
substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or represent a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylidene group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms which is formed by combination of R^{01} with R^{02}, provided that a case in which both the R^{01} and R^{02} are substituted or unsubstituted phenyl groups is excluded; and R^{21} to R^{24} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

24. (New) A process cartridge comprising an electrophotographic photosensitive member and at least one means selected from the group consisting of a charging means, a developing means, a transfer means and a cleaning means which are integrally supported, and being detachably mountable to the main body of an electrophotographic apparatus; the electrophotographic photosensitive member comprising a support and provided thereon a photosensitive layer, wherein;

said electrophotographic photosensitive member has a surface layer containing:

at least one of a charge-transporting material and conductive particles; and

a polymer obtained by polymerizing a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol monomer having a structure represented by the following Formula (1):



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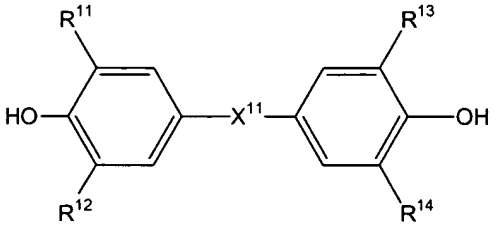
wherein X^{11} represents a single bond, a carbonyl group, an ether group, a thioether group or a $-CR^{01}R^{02}-$group, where R^{01} and R^{02} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or represent a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylidene group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms which is formed by combination of R^{01} with R^{02}, provided hat a case in which both the R^{01} and R^{02} are substituted or, unsubstituted phenyl groups is excluded; and R^{11} to R^{14} each independently represent a hydroxymethyl group, a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms other than the hydroxymethyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, provided that at least two of the R^{11} to R^{14} are each a hydroxymethyl group.

25. (New) An electrophotographic apparatus comprising an electrophotographic photosensitive member, a charging means, an exposure means, a developing means and a transfer means; the electrophotographic photosensitive member comprising a support and provided thereon a photosensitive layer, wherein;

said electrophotographic photosensitive member has a surface layer containing:

at least one of a charge-transporting material and conductive particles; and

a polymer obtained by polymerizing a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol monomer having a structure represented by the following Formula (1):



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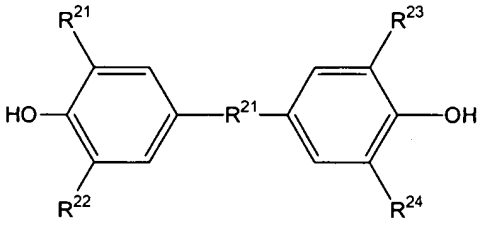
wherein X^{11} represents a single bond, a carbonyl group, an ether group, a thioether group or a $-CR^{01}R^{02}-$group, where R^{01} and R^{02} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or represent a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylidene group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms which is formed by combination of R^{01} with R^{02}, provided that a case in which both the R^{01} and R^{02} are substituted or unsubstituted phenyl groups is excluded; and R^{11} to R^{14} each independently represent a hydroxymethyl group, a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms other than the hydroxymethyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, provided that at least two of the R^{11} to R^{14} are each a hydroxymethyl group.

26. (New) A process cartridge comprising an electrophotographic photosensitive member and at least one means selected from the group consisting of a charging means, a developing means, a transfer means and a cleaning means which are integrally supported, and being detachably mountable to the main body of an electrophotographic apparatus; the electrophotographic photosensitive member comprising a support and provided thereon a photosensitive layer, wherein;

said electrophotographic photosensitive member has a surface layer containing:

at least one of a charge-transporting material and conductive particles; and

a polymer obtained by polymerizing polyhydroxymethylbisphenol oligomer having a structure in which a bisphenol monomer having a structure represented by the following Formula (2) has been condensed through a methylene group:



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wherein X^{21} represents a single bond, a carbonyl group, an ether group, a thioether group or a $-CR^{01}R^{02}-$group, where R^{01} and R^{02} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or represent a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylidene group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms which is formed by combination of R^{01} with R^{02},

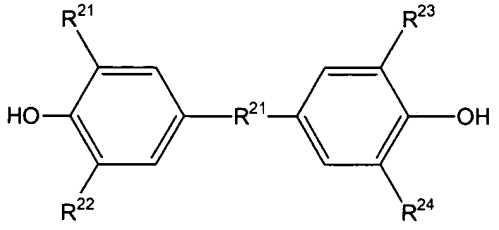
provided that a case in which both the R^{01} and R^{02} are substituted or unsubstituted phenyl groups is excluded; and R^{21} to R^{24} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

27. (New) An electrophotographic apparatus comprising an electrophotographic photosensitive member, a charging means, an exposure means, a developing means and a transfer means; the electrophotographic photosensitive member comprising a support and provided thereon a photosensitive layer, wherein;

said electrophotographic photosensitive member has a surface layer containing:

at least one of a charge-transporting material and conductive particles; and

a polymer obtained by polymerizing a polyhydroxymethylbisphenol oligomer having a structure in which a bisphenol monomer having a structure represented by the following Formula (2) has been condensed through a methylene group:



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wherein X^{21} represents a single bond, a carbonyl group, an ether group, a thioether group or a $-CR^{01}R^{02}-$group, where R^{01} and R^{02} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or represent a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylidene group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms which is formed by combination of R^{01} with R^{02}, provided that a case in which both the R^{01} and R^{02} are substituted or unsubstituted phenyl groups is excluded; and R^{21} to R^{24} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.